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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lieven STUYVER Joost LOUWAGIE Rudi ROSSAU

Serial No.: 09/943,983

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETECTION OF DRUG-

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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 10, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months to and including September 10, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$410.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0008.DVUS02 for a two-month extension of

time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason 09/02/2003 59E5HE1 00000086 012508 09943983

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